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crores which would increase annually in a manner specified in the counter guarantee. The termination payment is a one time payment which falls due in the event of termination of the PPA and is capped at debt servicing obligations relating to outstanding foreign debt not exceeding US\$ 300 million. A Tripartite Agreement signed between the Ministry of Finance (MOF), GOM and the RBI enables GOI to recover from GOM any payments made by the GOI to DPC under the GOI counter guarantee.

Study on the seismological susceptibility and stability of Tehri Dam

1141. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether following the earthquake which hit Bhuj, Kutch, Ahmedabad and other parts of Gujarat on 26th January, any study about seismological susceptibility and stability of Tehri Dam has been carried out, if so, with what results; and

(b) what modifications, if any, are proposed to be carried out in the original dam project in the light thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) The Government had considered in depth the seismic safety of the Tehri Dam and the detailed seismology studies carried out by Geological Survey of India, Department of Earthquake Engineering of Roorkee University, and the Russian experts who were assisted by National Geo-physical Research Institute and Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, for determining safe height of Tehri Dam, before according approval to the implementation of Tehri Dam and Hydro-electric Power Project (1000 MW) in March, 1994.

In view of the continuing concern relating to seismic safety of the Tehri Dam, a Group of Experts was constituted in June, 1996 to further examine the issue of seismic safety of Tehri Dam. This Group in its report concluded that the design of the dam was safe to withstand the Maximum Credible Earthquake.

However, in the wake of Bhuj earthquake of January, 2001, the Government have constituted a Committee headed by Minister of

Human Resource Development and Science and Technology on 10.4.2001 to go into the concerns raised regarding seismic safety of Tehri Dam and the possible impact of Tehri Dam on self-purification quality of Ganga Jal. The Committee has held extensive discussion. The Government has extended the tenure of the Committee upto 14.8.2001 to enable the Committee finalize its report. After the report of the Committee is received, the Government shall accord its highest consideration to the recommendations made therein.

Re-negotiation Committee to rework the deal with Enron Sponsored Dabhol Power Company

1142. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a Re-negotiation Committee to rework the deal with Enron Sponsored Dabhol Power Company was constituted in the context of long drawn controversies arising from tariff agreement;
- (b) if so, its composition and terms of reference; and
- (c) whether the Committee has come out with its recommendations, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) The Government of Maharashtra, vide its resolution dated 30th April, 2001, has constituted a Negotiating Committee to carry out discussions, with the Dabhol Power Company (DPC) with a view to reducing the tariff for the power supplied by the Dabhol Power Project to the Maharashtra State Electricity Board (MSEB) as well as sale of power of the Dabhol Project. As per the said resolution the Committee comprises of the following members:—

1. Dr. Madhav Godbole (Ex-Home Secretary, Government of India)	Chairman
2. Shri Deepak Parikh (Chairman, HDFC)	Member
